

COUNTRY	Dietenborn Construction Site		25X1
TOPIC			
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED		25X1
DATE OF CONTENT			
DATE OBTAINED	DATE PREPARED 2 February 1953		
REFERENCES			
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REMARKS			
This is UNEVALUATED Information			25X1

1. In November 1952, [redacted] an airfield is to be constructed near Dietenborn in Thuringia, southwest of Nordhausen, near Gross Berndten. [redacted] construction workers were hired for the project.¹

2. On 23 December, [redacted] the area north of Dietenborn-Gross Berndten road which is elevated and has no obstacles is favorable for the construction of an airfield and a runway while the area south of this road declines to the south. A low wooden building with an antenna on top and, at its side, a radar set with a mast 12 to 13 meters high, and two generating units including a stationary and a mobile generator were observed south of Dietenborn-Gross Berndten road. About 200 meters north-northwest of the low wooden building, there were 14 parked vehicles, including a large grader which were probably assigned to a construction unit. Six telephone cables supported by masts about 2 meters high extended from the Gross Berndten post office to the low wooden building. From the latter building, several lines were strung to the motor pool and one line extended to the woods southeast of Dietenborn where a dump was probably located. No construction work was in progress [redacted] Ties for narrow-gauge field railway tracks were stored along the Gross Berndten-Toba road. Trails observed on the Dietenborn-Gross Berndten road indicated that there was only moderate traffic by trucks. Sentries in groups of two guarded the area for about 3 km around. The soldiers observed near the low wooden building wore red-bordered black epaulets.²

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